

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Deals are Made but Few Talk about Them

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Suppose you are in a hurry (you always are for that matter), have to reach the destination exactly within the next five minutes, it is an important business appointment.

Normally you do adhere to all the traffic norms consciously while driving as fast as possible on those heavy traffic roads. But accidentally (it might be incidentally or even coincidentally) that the man in the blue uniform summons you. Blowing his famous whistle with all his might so that there is no way you don't hear him.

Yes! You are caught in one of those unknown traps of the traffic rules. "But I didn't break any," you scream. "You must certainly did," screams back the police man.

Pulling aside your car you reluctantly bring out your papers while he reads every word on them, stretching time until you realize what's going on in his mind.

You just pay him Tk 20, maybe, Tk 50 or even 100 bucks (if you don't know his rate) he shamelessly lets you go. He is very much a man of the law doing his duties religiously — doesn't let a single soul break the traffic rules — but then again he is a very soft hearted soul — lets you go for almost anything.

These known yet not much talked about underhand dealings or exchanges of the left hand are taking place in almost all sectors of life in Dhaka.

In a bank, a prospective client walks into the manager's room and after hours of discussion, comes out with a happy face and a lighter purse, sure that he has availed of that loan this time. While he walks out, a man (of course a bank employee) stares at him. Not admiring his posh clothes but silently saying "forget me now and see what happens to your deal."

The man almost obediently walks back to his desk and sloppily hides ten Tk 100 notes and thanks him for taking the pain in doing his job (maybe).

A couple returns from Japan after five years of stay there. They naturally have all their furniture, their car, their electronic gadgets, their five years of family life packed in boxes, waiting at the jetty to be brought home.

But things are not so easy. The man in-charge of the jetty feels sick (because of the heat) "Oh! It is already midday, I hate the heat, I won't open the store today," and carelessly walks away. Not bothering about the man who comes almost every week at least once to the jetty to be brought home.

Chittagong Port to make sure he gets all his furniture and goods back.

That's not all. Finally when the man in-charge feels like opening up and doing his job he also opens his left drawer. "everyone knows the rate here and also the reason for my open drawer," he smiles.

After paying almost Tk 10,000 for his kind favour, the man comes to a Dhaka bank (nationalized) to pay his taxes.

"Oh! you are paying such a handsome amount for the taxes, why don't you give us a couple of thousands as well."

Shocked and yet no less amused the man is happy to get all his luggage intact.

These casual and almost daily dealings are taking place at every step of work here. Taking bribes are natural now, almost like a part of the culture. Everyone thinks of extra incomes.

Take the cake but leave the whipped cream for me, is the attitude (almost in vogue) today. Recently a few concious citizens have come up with some wall writings and posters criticising such acts or crimes to be precise.



Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam unveiling the plaque marking the laying of foundation of Kamalaghat bridge in Munshiganj yesterday. — PID photo

#### 2 students killed in road mishaps

Two students were killed in two separate road mishaps on the Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday, police said, reports UNB.

Beauty, 10, a student of class three of Savar school, was killed near Savar Dairy Farm in the afternoon when an Aricha-bound minibus hit her. She died on way to Savar Thana Health Complex.

In another accident, Shufal, 12, a student of Jalshing school, died on the spot when a Dhaka-bound bus from Manikganj hit him at Kella in Dhamrai thana.

Police seized the bus but its driver has escaped.

#### Minister visits malaria affected areas

Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sirajul Huq visited the Malaria affected areas in sadar thana of Sunamganj district yesterday, reports UNB.

The deputy minister ordered the district administration and health officials to supply mosquito nets, protein, IT injection, some 200 tube-wells and one ambulance in the malaria affected Rongchar and Choumohoni areas in sadar thana on emergency basis.

Malaria situation has turned serious in five thanas of the district for the last one month.

#### One stabbed in city

By DMCH Correspondent

Extortionists seriously stabbed a businessman at Mirpur in the city yesterday afternoon.

The victim Pappu, 25, received injuries in his head and back, medical sources said.

A group of about 20 unidentified youths came to Pappu's furniture shop by motor bikes at Road No 4 of Section 11, Mirpur.

They attacked Pappu after he had refused to give them tolls, sources added.



#### DU scientist awarded PhD

Dr Mainul Hassan, a Bangladeshi scientist, has been awarded PhD degree with highest honour with felicitations recently by The National Institute of Applied Sciences, a world famous university of France, says a press release.

The title of his thesis is: Production of high quality fatty substance from microbes.

Dr Hassan, Lecturer in Nutrition and Food Science, Dhaka University, has earned unique distinction for his research work which he completed under direct supervision of Professor Gera Goma.

The thesis shows how agricultural and industrial wastes can be used bio-technologically for the production of commercial materials, which in turn, will help remove environmental pollution.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia being received by the ministers at Zia International Airport on her return home yesterday after a three-day official visit to South Korea. — PID photo

### Speakers tell BHES confce Evolve practicable strategy for healthy environment

Speakers at a inaugural session of the first national conference of the Bangladesh Health Educational Society (BHES) yesterday underscored the need for an integrated thrust to evolve a practicable strategy for the promotion and maintenance of healthy environment, reports BSS.

They also called for a united and integrated endeavours on the environmental health promotion to achieve an effect on the healthy living standards of the community, including the rural population.

Eminent educationist and director of the Campaign for Population Education Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin attended the inaugural session as chief guest while BHES president Prof Khurshida Khanom presided.

Held at the auditorium of the National Economic Council (NEC), the inaugural function was also addressed by Director General of the Department of Environment Syed A N M Wahed, Director of the National Institute for Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM) Prof Sadeka Tahera Khanom, treasurer of Bangladesh Diabetic Association Major General (ret'd) A R Khan, Professor Emirates A K M Kafiluddin, BHES secretary general Minati Prova Chowdhury, member secretary Dr Mohammad Asaduzzaman and convenor of publication and public relations committee Begum Setara.

Referring to the per capita low income of the people, nutritional condition of the masses, anaemic situation of the children and mothers and average life expectancy of the people, he called for creating mass awareness and national consensus on this vital issue for the overall improvement of the health situation.

#### Rural Housing Forum formed

Twenty-one leading NGOs working in the field of low cost rural housing, human resources development and poverty alleviation formed an apex body titled "Rural Housing Forum" at a meeting held in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

A seven-member executive committee was also formed with former director general of the Bangladesh Television Habibur Rahman as the chairman and Syed H Loton of Rehabilitation and Development Organisation for Landless (RADOL) as the secretary general.

The committee, elected for two years, has AK Arzoo of Jagarani Chakra as the vice-chairman, Jahangir Hassan of Society for Social Forestry as finance director, Shamsul Huq of Swanirvar Bangladesh, Ali Ahmad of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Debar Hossain of Ganashasthya Kendro as members.

#### Weather More rain forecast

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and the regions of Pabna, Bogra, Sylhet, Comilla and Noakhali during the 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office forecast that the weather is likely to remain dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

Day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged. In its outlook for today and tomorrow, the weathermen predicted little change. Giving extended outlook for another five days, the Met Office said that rainfall likely to increase.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was 43.3 degrees Celsius recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest was 25.2 degrees at Bhola.

The sun sets today at 6.40 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	35.5	28.0
Chittagong	34.5	27.6
Rajshahi	43.3	28.6
Khulna	38.2	28.1
Barisal	34.5	27.4
Sylhet	35.0	25.7
Cox's Bazar	34.0	27.0
Mymensingh	34.6	27.6

#### JU admission test schedule

By JU Correspondent

Written tests for admission to the first year honours classes of Jahangirnagar University (JU) for the 1994-95 session will begin from June 14.

Admission tests in three faculties and one institute will continue till June 25, official sources said.

Examinations for 'Gha' unit (Institute of Life Sciences) will be held on June 14 and 15, while those for the 'Ka' unit (Science Faculty) will be held on June 17, 18 and 19.

Tests for the 'Ga' unit (Arts Faculty) will be held on June 20 and 21, and for the 'Kha' unit (Social Science Faculty) will take place on June 22, 24 and 25.

The examinations will be held in two shifts everyday.

A total of 43,716 students have applied this year for about 700 seats.

Last year (1993-94 session) some 28,288 students applied for 643 seats while in the 1992-93 session 893 students were admitted from 27,743 applicants.

In the 1991-92 session, 1012 students were admitted while some 26,000 students applied, according to available statistics.

#### Chhatra Oikya council June 15

A two day national council of the Chhatra Oikya Forum will be held on the Dhaka University campus on June 15 to 16, reports UNB.

This was disclosed at a meeting yesterday at the DU Arts Faculty building with the forum president Moshrefa Mishu in the chair.

The meeting announced a 33-member council preparation committee with Ashrafuzzaman Tuhin as convenor.

Addressing the meeting, Mishu urged her party workers to make the council a success.

#### War Crimes File to be shown at DU TSC today

By Staff Correspondent

A show of the "War Crimes File" a documentary produced by the "Twenty-Two Television" of Britain will be held at the TSC in Dhaka University at 5 pm today.

Muktijoddha Chhatra Command arranged the show and urged the British government to try the three Bangladeshi war criminals now living in Britain.

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### NOTICE TO THE DEBENTURE HOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Debenture Register and Debenture Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from the 15th June, 1995 to 30th June, 1995 (both days inclusive) and during this period no transfer of Debenture will be effected in order to facilitate the payment of interest on Debentures for the period from 1st January, 1995 to 30th June, 1995.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Facilities Department, Ministry of Education  
Jessore Zone, Jessore

### TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: 36/PSS/Development & Rehabilitation/JZ/FD/94-95

Dated: 16-05-1995

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from A1 & A2 class enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for the undermentioned development work of selected private secondary school under the project "Secondary Schools Development & Rehabilitation" (Govt & Private).

Name of district	Name of Thana	Group No	Name of educational institution	Remarks
GOB-6 Magura	Shalikha	01 (one)	Dhaneshwargati Secondary School	
Estimated cost of the work				Tk 7,81,669/-
Amount of earnest money for the work				Tk 16,000/-
Price of tender for the work				Tk 400/- (four hundred) only.
Time limit for completion of work				3 (Three) months.
Last date & time of purchasing tender document				03-06-1995 up to 4-00 pm.
Date & time of receiving tender document				04-06-1995 up to 12-00 Noon.
Date & time of opening tender document				04-06-1995 at 12-30 hours.

Tender document(s) can be purchased from against payment of the stated amount, and will be received on the said date at the office of the undersigned, office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jessore all Executive Engineers' offices in Khulna circle & Assistant Engineers' offices in all districts of this zone.

Earnest money in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of 'Executive Engineer', Facilities Department, Jessore Zone, Jessore must be submitted with the tender.

#### General terms & conditions:

- Receipt of depositing renewal fee for 1994-95, Registration book & VAT registration certificate attested copy should be produced at the time of purchasing tender document and deposited at the time of submitting tender.
- Tender quoting rate more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost will be treated as outright rejected.
- VAT will be deducted at prescribed rate from all types of bills.
- Bill will be paid subject to receipt of allotment & certificate of Project Development Committee. But the contractor shall have to complete the work within the prescribed time.
- Name of school may be changed or cancelled. Contractor cannot claim any financial benefit for that. Other terms & conditions of the tender are given in the schedule.

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Executive Engineer.

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**Local Tender Notice**

- Tender No and date: 1-Potato Seed (P) 88/95 dt. 18-5-95.
- Description of stores: Spares for Cold Storage Plant.
- Scheme Head: Potato Seed Scheme.
- Sale value of tender document (Non-refundable): Tk 200.00 (Take two hundred only).
- Date & time for submission of tender: 12-06-95 at 11-00 AM.
- Date & time for opening of tender: 12-06-95 at 11-05 AM.
- Place of submission & opening of tender: Office of the General Manager (Purchase), Purchase Division, BADC, Krishi Bhavan, 49-51, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.
- Source of fund: Local currency.

**Special Instructions:**

- Tender document may be procured from the cashier, Accounts Division (Cash Section), 3rd floor, BADC, Krishi Bhavan, 49-51, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.
- No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of tender.
- No tender or part of tender will be accepted after closing of tender.

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**Md Abdul Bari Miah**  
Manager (Purchase)-1  
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